

WILL BE MILLS OR CRISP

With the Odds Largely in Favor of the Former.

SPRINGER'S BOOM IS BLASTED.

Four Members of His Own Delegation Desert His Cause and Are Ready to Vote for Mills to Keep Crisp out of the Chair--The Texas Seem to Have a Clear Lead--The West Virginia Delegation Divided Between the Two Leading Candidates.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—It looks to-night as though the speakership contest would within a few hours narrow down between Mills and Crisp. Springer's Illinois delegation are about to desert him. His state followers, after looking the field over, have come to the conclusion that it is a forlorn hope to support him further, and at least four members of the Illinois delegation, Fithian, Wike, Newbury and Forman, are ready to support Mills at any time it appears that Crisp is getting comfortably near a majority. The four members named will, it is stated, vote for Mills on the first ballot if the Texas says the word. With a home delegation in this sort of mood Springer should see that he might as well throw up the sponge. Several members of the Iowa delegation who are for Springer on the first ballot have stated that they will gladly vote for Mills if necessary to elect him, and will do so on the first ballot. They prefer Mills to any other man except Springer, and rather than hazard the Texas's chances and see Crisp come up they will vote for the Texas at the outset.

MILLS AGAINST THE FIELD.

Strenuous efforts are being made now to drive all the candidates off the field except Mills and Crisp and let them have a short, decisive battle. With the Illinois delegation ready to go to pieces, the contest is between Crisp and Mills. One can get as many bets as he wishes, even money, on Mills against the field. Nearly every one believes Mills will be elected, and that he will be an easy winner. Crisp, however, has a lot of determined followers, and personally he is the cleverest and most popular of all the aspirants. But he is out of line on the tariff question, and if the West or Northwest, as reported, favor "sweeping reductions of the tariff, if not absolute free trade" as Mills and Cleveland say, it is strange how any one can support Crisp, whom the New York Sun advocates as the ablest of the Samuel J. Randall school of protection Democrats.

CRISP BACKED BY MILLS.

Crisp is backed by Gov. David B. Hill, and Mills by ex-President Cleveland. Crisp is for free coinage and Mills opposes it, and possibly some may see their way clear to desert their tariff principles for free silver and therefore vote for Crisp instead of Mills. Hatch never had any show for the speakership, and his delegation is coming to the conclusion that he is "playing them" for a chairmanship of a committee. It is customary to give a candidate for speaker a committee chairmanship if he controls his state delegation. Most of the weak aspirants hold their local delegations just long enough to trade for a committee position. Most of them have no other object in view in running for the speakership.

SERVE NOTICE ON SPRINGER.

To-night Congressmen Forman, Fithian, Wike and Newberry, of Illinois, served notice on Mr. Springer that they would support Mr. Mills on the first ballot. Mr. Springer stated to the INTELLIGENCER correspondent at midnight that notwithstanding the defection from his own state he would not withdraw from the contest.

The New England delegation caucused to-night at the residence of Congressman Andrews. No formal vote was taken, but it was developed that out of the fourteen, ten would support Mills. Of the remaining four Page and Stevens will vote for Springer, Daniels for Crisp and O'Neill will throw away his vote by casting it for his colleague, Mr. Andrews.

WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION

Is Equally Divided Between Crisp and Mills.

Special dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Every member of the West Virginia delegation in Congress is now in the city with the single exception of Mr. Alderson, who is said to be detained home by an attack of the grip, and his presence here on Saturday to participate in the caucus is somewhat doubtful. Mr. Pendleton arrived this morning and was in the midst of the speakership fight. He announces himself for Mr. Crisp.

Mr. Capehart, who also arrived this morning and who has been counted as a Crisp follower, is now placed in the doubtful column by the figures, with a strong leaning toward the Texas. Mr. Wilson arrived about noon, and received quite an ovation at the different headquarters where he called.

Senator Kenna has been here for some time. Senator Faulkner arrived this afternoon. The delegation if Mr. Alderson arrives will probably be divided on the speakership question, Alderson and Pendleton voting for Crisp while Wilson and it may be Capehart, will support Mills.

Col. J. W. St. Clair, of Fayette county, was among the visitors at the speakership headquarters. He said that Chas. Edgar Hoeg had withdrawn from the contest for reading clerk of the house.

CRISP'S CAUSE GROWING.

The Fight Between Him and Mills--McMillan and Springer in It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—There seems to be practically little change in the speakership situation. All five of the candidates continue to express cheerful confidence.

There are no signs of any withdrawal prior to the first ballot, and nothing as yet to demonstrate the ability of any one of the candidates to transfer his

strength to another in the event of his withdrawing. Mr. Crisp and Mr. Mills continue very sanguine of winning, and are working for an early termination of the contest. They still expect to see a break among the supporters of Messrs. Springer, McMillan and Hatch, after the first or second ballot. At Mr. Crisp's headquarters it was said that two or three votes had been transferred to him from the doubtful column.

Mr. Mills is hopeful of considerable accession of strength to come between now and Saturday. There seemed to be a general disposition this afternoon to admit that Mr. Crisp was at present doing exceedingly well, but his opponents insisted that he had reached the limit of his strength, and would be unable to obtain a majority of the total vote. Mr. McMillan and Mr. Springer say they will keep in the fight to the end, believing that the contest between Mr. Mills and Crisp will have no result except to necessitate the choice of another candidate, in which event each of those gentlemen hope to be the choice of the caucus. Mr. Hatch, though not yet so active in the canvass, expressed a similar opinion and hope.

Reed Thinks Mills Will Win.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 2.—Ex-Speaker Reed, with Mrs. Reed, will leave for Washington Thursday, expecting to arrive Saturday. He expresses himself as firmly convinced that Mr. Mills will be chosen speaker of the house.

STEAM BARGE BURNED

At the Cleveland Dock--Two Men Lose Their Lives.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—The steam barge James S. Pease, which came into port from Lake Superior, on Tuesday, caught fire about noon and was nearly destroyed before the fire department extinguished the flames. There were two men and the cook in the after cabin. The cook makes her home in this city during the winter. She was in the kitchen when the fire was discovered and endeavored to rescue her personal belongings, but was unsuccessful. She was compelled to drop everything except the captain's overcoat and one or two garments of her own, which she hastily picked up, and groping her way through the smoke and flame, managed to reach the side of the boat and jump to the dock.

The first engineer is Philip Steadman, whose home is on Delaware place, in Buffalo. He was seen by several witnesses to emerge from the burning cabin, his clothing on fire, and jump into the river where he floated for several minutes. Several attempts were made to rescue him but he sank before aid could reach him. He was about 70 years of age, and leaves a wife and family in Buffalo. The other man, who was at work in the hold in the after part of the boat was the fireman, and he has not been seen since. It is thought that he perished.

The loss on the Pease is about \$10,000.

Steamship Burned.

OLYMPIA, WASH., Dec. 2.—The steamship Eastern Oregon arrived here last evening and went into dry dock. Soon after she caught fire from burning grease in the gallery. The fire company here attempted to check the fire, but could do nothing. The steamer is a total loss. She was valued at about \$180,000. She was owned by the Oregon Improvement Company.

Heavily Insured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 2.—A Warren, Pa., special says: A. R. Blood, a wealthy oil man about thirty years of age, was thrown from his horse last evening and instantly killed. His life was insured for \$100,000. He leaves a wife and two children.

BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

Five Men Torn to Pieces--Shock Felt Twenty Miles Away.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 2.—A dynamite factory at Haverstraw was blown up this afternoon. The shock of the terrible explosion was felt for many miles. Four men employed in the building were blown to pieces, and another man, who was some distance from the wrecked building, also instantly killed. The names of the dead are as follows: M. Wadsworth, engineer of the works; Peter Carlesso, an Italian; Joseph Williams, Joseph E. Addler, all workmen; Perry Lounsbury, of Sing Sing.

Lounsbury was in a boat near the shore when the explosion occurred, and he was instantly killed. A man who was in the boat with him escaped injury. The explosion was terrific and the shock was felt twenty miles away. The glass was broken in buildings in Conger's City, Rockland Lake and other nearby places. The cause of the explosion has not yet been learned.

CHICAGO POLICE UPHOLD

In Ridding a Meeting of Anarchists--Fines Suspended.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A question of civil rights was decided by Police Justice Woodman this morning, and while the city won a victory, technically, in reality it has suffered a decided defeat. The decision grows out of the action of the police at the time of the anarchist demonstration in this city on November 11, the anniversary of the execution of Parsons, Spies and the other Haymarket anarchists. Then they compelled the leaders of the demonstration to display the American flag.

The justice to-day expressed the opinion that the assemblies raided were unlawful ones. He therefore fined the leaders \$100 each and the others \$10 each.

These fines, at the instance of the city prosecutor, were at once suspended. This action was presumably taken for the purpose of averting an appeal to the higher courts.

It is understood, however, that the defendants will appeal nevertheless.

SENATOR BRICE SUEED

For Delinquent Taxes at Lima--He Pleads Non-Residence.

LIMA, O., Dec. 2.—The treasurer of Allen county brought suit against United States Senator Calvin S. Brice this morning for \$17,850 delinquent taxes. The senator has constantly refused to pay taxes during the last few years, alleging whenever pressed for a settlement that he had no residence at this place. The amount asked for includes over \$2,000 in penalties.

WRECKED IN FORTUNE

And Lying at Death's Door, Disgraced by a Son,

IS CYRUS W. FIELD'S FATE.

Once a Proud Millionaire Now Almost a Pauper--His Son in an Insane Asylum, and His Daughter and Daughter-in-law on Their Death Beds--Mr. Field's Death May Be Expected Any Moment.



NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—To-night, bereft of wife, and wrecked in fortune and penniless by the hand of an ingrate and disgraced son, Cyrus W. Field lies dying at seventy-two years of age, in the handsome home that no longer shall be his. Edward M. Field, the son who wrecked the firm of Field, Lindley, Wheeler & Co., is an inmate of Vernon House, a private insane asylum near the village of Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Edward M. Field lies dangerously ill at the home of her brother, Dr. Lindley, of No. 85 Madison avenue. It was stated at the house this afternoon that her condition was about the same as yesterday.

Mrs. D. A. Lindley, daughter of Cyrus W. Field, is believed to be on her death-bed.

This expresses in a few words the pitiful condition of a family which a few weeks ago was envied for its wealth, happiness and social eminence. And the fact that to-day is the fifty-first anniversary of Cyrus W. Field's marriage adds a new sadness to the story of the day.

To-night Dr. Fuller, the family physician, said: Although Mr. Field's condition is extremely critical the fact that I call at the house only twice a day should relieve the anxiety of the reporters who have taken up a death watch at Gramercy Park. Mr. Field is an old man, and it is a difficult matter to determine just when the mortal illness of an old person will terminate. He may linger for several days and he may die in a few hours. He has received so many shocks during the past few days that the least additional excitement is likely to result in dissolution.

"LAND BILL" ALLEN'S FUNERAL.

The Remains Viewed by Many--Sleeps in an Honored Grave.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2.—From 11 a. m., when the doors of the great rotunda of the state capital were thrown open until 1:30 p. m., when the remains of the late George Wheaton Allen were removed to the First Congregational church for burial services, a continual stream of people passed through the Capitol, pausing for a moment only to gaze upon the face of the dead pauper. Upon the plain black coffin, whose only ornament was a silver plate with the name of the deceased, rested a beautiful cluster of flowers breathing out, as if mingled with their perfume, the loved sentiment, "Home, sweet home," a sentiment that led the hero pauper to sacrifice a fortune, his noblest energies and the best years of his life to affording homes for the poor.

The remains were interred in a lot purchased yesterday by his friends in Greenlawn cemetery, and the remains of his wife, who died years ago, and which are now buried at Westerville, this county, will be placed by his side.

A movement has already been started in Kansas and Nebraska to collect money to erect a monument for him. It is thought that the west, where so many millions of beneficiaries of the homestead law live, would be the most appropriate place for such a monument.

Governor Campbell Quite Ill.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 2.—Governor Campbell arrived home from Chicago early this morning quite sick, and at once took to his bed with a high fever and sore throat. Dr. Loving pronounces it the grip, and says there is no cause for alarm.

Will Contest His Election.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2.—Ex-Mayor Bruck was to-day formally notified by ex-Mayor Walcutt, that the legislative election, the returns of which show Bruck to be the chosen representative from this county, will be contested.

Prof. Orton at Death's Door.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2.—Professor Edward Orton, state geologist and ex-president of the State University, suffered a paralytic stroke this afternoon and lies in a very critical condition to-night.

McDonald Oil Field.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 2.—In the McDonald oil field to-day the Shaffer No. 2, of Patterson and Jones, struck the sand and is now doing ninety barrels an hour; the Shaffer No. 2, of the Forest Oil company, is doing thirty barrels an hour, and the Husler, Bolt & Co., Boyer No. 1, thirty-five barrels an hour, all in the fifth sand. Johnson & Co.'s Sutherland well tapped the Gordon, and is making 800 barrels a day.

The Venice well of the Royal Gas Company, which was watched so anxiously, is a failure in the fifth sand. It is good for twenty-five barrels a day in the fourth sand. The Elliott No. 4 is through the sand and dry. Wallace No. 4 is drilling in the fifth sand and looks like a duster. The daily production is 67,000 barrels; stock in field, 150,000 barrels, and runs 52,779 barrels.

"But what on earth could have induced you to marry a man so utterly your inferior?" "My dear girl, I never saw a man who wasn't."—Judy.

The mail train is seldom late, but the train of a female is always behind.—Harper's Young People.

A WEST VIRGINIA GIRL.

Held for the Attempted Murder of Her Husband.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Walter Nichols who now occupies a cell in jail for attempting to murder her husband with a razor Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Cold Springs, in a spasm of jealousy, has tried hard to conceal the residence of her parents, hoping thereby to keep them in ignorance of the sad affair and spare them from knowing the disgrace she had brought upon them. They knew all. The news of the cutting was flashed over the wires to the metropolitan papers and the secret she tried so hard to keep was shown to her aged father in a paper by a friend two days after it had occurred. There could be no doubt. It was his daughter, and the father's love she expected to lose, if the crime became known, did not desert her. A letter was received from him to-day by Mrs. Mayor Barnett, who interested herself in the lady's behalf, which explains all. She is the daughter of R. Lunsford, of Cabell county, West Virginia. Her parents are highly respected people, and spared no expense in the education of their child.

Mrs. Nichols was sent to a boarding school where she met her future husband, whom she tried so hard to send to a distant land. She was only seventeen years old, and in the dead of night stole away from the school and eloped with him. They resided in West Virginia for several years, and then came to this city. Her father's letter speaks of the husband's cruel treatment of her, and wonders how she refrained so long from ending his miserable life. He advises her not to go to trial until he is able to be present, and to employ the best attorney in the city. In closing he warned her to say nothing to the reporters, who, he claims, will hound her to death.

Her brother is expected here this week to bail her out. He will be accompanied by an attorney, who will try to introduce her husband's alleged brutality to her while in West Virginia as evidence. George Rawlins was retained yesterday and will also look after her interests.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE.

A Carroll County, Ohio, Youth Fatally Shoots Himself.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 2.—A young man from near Gilgore, Carroll county, Ohio, near the Jefferson county line, was in the city to-day and reported a suicide that occurred at that place Sunday last. The suicide was the son of John H. Smith, proprietor of the hotel at that place, nephew of Rev. George B. Smith, formerly president of Ohio College. He had been paying attention to a young lady of that place, who has many admirers, being, in fact, the belle of the town. Smith was desperately in love with her. It appears that she did not reciprocate his ardent affection, and on Saturday night informed him that another had won her hand, and his attentions must cease.

He plead with her to not cast him off in that way, saying it would kill him if he was cast off, but the girl was obdurate and told him, while she respected him, she could not be his wife. He bid her good bye, saying she would never see him alive again. On Sunday afternoon he appeared depressed and sullen and in conversation with friends, said he would end his life, but this was thought to be an idle threat. While his friends were absent getting a bucket of water he opened his vest, placed the muzzle of a revolver over his heart and fired. When his companions heard the shot they ran back and found him dead. The young lady is prostrated over the affair.

MARTINSBURG'S GUEST.

An Italian Duke and Novelist Visits That City.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frazier have as their guests at the St. Clair hotel, Duke De Litta, of Milan, Italy, accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Scaife and Mr. Frank de Brath, the duke's secretary. Duke De Litta is a novelist of no little importance, and is the author of "La Marchese Olympia," which has been received so favorably and has been attracting such extraordinary attention on the continent. He is now on a tour of the states, and came here via Washington. After a short sojourn here he will go to Lexington, and from there to Charleston, S. C., thence to Florida and New Orleans and westward to Mexico and California.

Inquiring About "Eggy" Conroy.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2.—District Attorney Barleigh wrote to Columbus, Ohio, yesterday to see whether or not "Eggy" Conroy was in the penitentiary there at the time of the Rudert murder in Tarentum, Pa.

Two Jockeys Reinstated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Late this afternoon the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association handed down two decisions in cases that were pending before them this morning. They reinstated S. A. Ferguson, of St. Marys, Ohio, who drove Pilgrim, alias Mountain Boy, Frank Rogers, of Ridgeway, Pa., and also John E. Walsh, of New Jersey, who was expelled at Trenton, N. J., on July 9, 1890, for ringing with Maggie W., formerly Fanne.

Found Crushed to Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 2.—A special to the Journal from West Superior, Wisconsin, says: Last night two boys, August Swanson and Armour Glover, did not return home and their parents spent an anxious night of searching. To-day their remains were found. They had dug a cave in a frozen sawdust pile and the crust had fallen in and had crushed them to death.

Jealousy the Cause.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—John B. Heir, a florist, aged fifty-two, was shot and fatally wounded by his wife, Magdalena, at East Buffalo shortly before noon to-day. Two shots took effect in the back, piercing the left lung and kidney. The woman was arrested. She had not been living with her husband for over a year, and jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the shooting.

M'KINLEY TARIFF ACT.

Closing Arguments of the Complainants in the Suit.

"NO QUORUM" QUESTION RAISED

By One of the Attorneys--Justice Brewer Addresses a Very Pertinent Inquiry to the Counsel--The Solicitor General Claims that the House Had the Power to Make the Rule Regarding Persons Present and Not Voting--The Case Closed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The hearing of the three cases involving the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff act, was closed in the United States Supreme court to-day with a very brief argument by Stephen G. Clark, of New York, who was unable to conclude his remarks yesterday. Solicitor General Taft then opened for the government. The case was brought here by the States on an appeal from a decision of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of New York in favor of Ballin, Joseph & Co. This involves the validity of the Dingley worsted act.

The point of most public interest in connection with the act is that the question of "no quorum" is raised. Speaker Reed having, in order, to make a quorum, counted a number of Democrats who were in their seats, but refrained from voting. The brief of the solicitor general's argument was printed last week. His position is that the house had the power to make the rule under which the bill was passed, and that the question of the wisdom of the rule is one with which the court has nothing to do, the remedy being in the house itself and ultimately in the people who elect the representatives.

Mr. Edwin P. Smith, of New York, argued the importers' side of the case, maintaining that on a yea and nay vote it was necessary to show the man's presence by his action, and by some constitutional requirement, and that there was no warrant for the clerk declaring him present.

Justice Brewer said the point seemed to be that it was necessary that a man should be heard and not seen, and asked how it would be if a man answered by telephone to a roll call. Could he be counted in a quorum? Mr. Smith was doubtful on the point, but thought he might be, perhaps, if the house put the name on the journal.

Attorney General Miller closed the case with a brief argument in favor of the government's contention.

A NOTABLE RECEPTION

Tendered Archbishop Kenrick--Prominent Catholic Clergy Present.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—The solemnities of the celebration of the golden jubilee of Archbishop Kenrick being over, his grace was tendered a reception by the Marquette club this evening. It was a most notable gathering of distinguished representatives of the Roman Catholic hierarchy ever witnessed in the west, or perhaps in this country. The decorations and illuminations of the club house were made on a magnificent scale. The club rooms were thronged with a brilliant assemblage eager to meet such prominent leaders of the church as Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Kenrick, and Bishops Fechan, Ryan, Ireland, Corrigan, Janssen, Gross, Elder, Riordan, Salpointe and others, all of whom were attired in their canonical robes, and when together formed a most impressive picture. Over five hundred clergymen were present. Of the 1,500 invitations issued, fully two-thirds availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.

INSULTED MCCARTHYITES

Turn on the Parnellites and Give Them a Severe Drubbing.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—A disgraceful scene occurred at the railway station in Limerick growing out of the antipathy entertained by the two factions of the Irish party for each other. The McCarthyites had been holding a convention at Limerick and among the prominent speakers present were Mr. William O'Brien and Mr. John Dillon. After the business of the convention had been concluded Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien were escorted to the station. A large crowd of Parnellites had gathered at the station with the evident intention of insulting the two McCarthyite leaders. When Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien arrived at the station they were greeted with hoots and yells.

The McCarthyites who had accompanied Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien were naturally highly indignant at the treatment accorded them. Most of them carried heavy walking sticks, and before the Parnellites realized their intentions, they swooped down in a body on the insulters of their leaders. The latter resisted as best they could, and for a time the scrimmage was a lively one. Many of the Parnellites were hurt, and several were so badly injured that it was found necessary to remove them to the hospital to allow of their wounds being dressed.

Detained by Yellow Fever.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Advises from Santos state that owing to the prevalence of yellow fever at that port 120 vessels are detained there waiting to discharge their cargoes. Some vessels are departing for other ports with the cargoes with which they were laden on their arrival.

A Royal President.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Her Royal Highness Princess Helena Augusta Victoria, third daughter of the Queen and Prince Frederick, of Schleswig-Holstein, Sonderburg-Austenberg, has given her consent to become president of the English committee on lady's work for the Chicago exhibition.

Granted an Extension.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 2.—At a meeting of creditors to-day J. P. Withrow, the extensive furnace builder, was granted an extension of four years. A statement presented showed assets of \$909,774, and liabilities of \$274,225. Work will be resumed at his plant in New Castle, Pa., at once.

COUNTESS RUSSELL

Accused of Making Statements Only to Wound Her Husband.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Upon the opening of the court in the Russell separation case to-day the countess resumed her place in the witness box and Sir Charles Russell took up his cross examination at the point where it was broken off yesterday by the adjournment of the court.

Sir Charles Russell, in a question regarding the relations between the earl and Roberts, tried in every way to lead her to contradict herself. The witness, however, persisted in the statements she made yesterday regarding Roberts. She also repeated the statements she had made concerning the information furnished her by the Dowager Countess Russell, Lady Agatha Russell and the Hon. Rollo Russell.

The countess to-day testified that these persons did not say anything about Roberts, but they told her things about the earl's past life that made her think him capable of the offense suggested.

Dr. Godson then took the stand, and in response to a question of Sir Charles Russell, said the countess suffered from spasmodic dysmenorrhea, a disease often accompanied by hysteria.

Eliza Vale, the maid who found the countess in a faint on the floor of her room, was then called. She testified that on this occasion she heard the countess pleading with the earl.

In presenting the case for the Earl Sir Charles Russell, in substance said he would limit himself to the broad issue of the case. So far as the separation of Countess and Earl Russell was concerned all that he could say was that a lady was at liberty to leave her husband when she liked. The sole object of the present suit was to force the payment of alimony by the Earl.

Sir Charles, referring to the Roberts incident, declared that the countess, through veiled and obscure innuendoes, simply desired to wound her husband. He asked the jury not to be carried away by a clever and engaging woman telling them a story that was untrue in all its essential details—a woman so desperate as to put forward the Roberts incident in order to support a hopeless case by odious imputations.

Adjourned.

D'GIERS' MISSION.

His Visit to Italy, France and Germany Misunderstood.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—The Official Journal announces that M. DeGiers, the Russian foreign minister who has been visiting Italy, France and Germany, will report to the czar to-day the results of his tour.

Commenting on this, the Official Journal says that after a multitude of erroneous comments, a more correct view of the foreign minister's visits will be taken. It adds that most foreign and Russian newspapers now appreciate the true significance of the exchange of views between M. DeGiers and the heads of other governments which can only result in a clearer position free from all misunderstandings, while at the same time new pledges have been offered for reciprocal confidence for the maintenance of peace, which is universally desired.

A Drunken Witness.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Times prints a despatch from Santiago de Chile which says that during the hearing before Judge of Crimes Foster, who is investigating the attack on a number of sailors from the American cruiser Baltimore on the 16th of October last, a witness from the Baltimore's crew appeared in court in such a state of intoxication that it was necessary to remove him forcibly. The Times correspondent adds that this incident gives an idea of the state the Baltimore's men, who had been given liberty October 16, were in when the trouble occurred in Valparaiso.

Captain Schley, the commander of the Baltimore, apologized to the court for the condition of the witness.

French Miners Strike Ended.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—A despatch from Lens, department De Calais, states that affairs throughout the coal mining districts are resuming their normal condition. The striking miners in the vicinity of Lens have returned to work and no further trouble is feared. The troops who were detailed to the duty of protecting property and preventing rioting have returned to their several military departments.

After the Irish Fests.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The McCarthyite section of Irish parliamentary party have decided to take decisive steps to secure the Irish funds at present in the hands of Mr. Munroe, the Paris banker. Mr. Justin McCarthy and Timothy Healy have now commenced an action against Mr. Munroe to decide the ownership of the funds, and to compel him to restore the money to those who are entitled to the possession of it.

McCormack will be Extradited.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—John McCormack, who was arrested in Edinburgh on the charge of having defrauded the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, has been brought up on a remand in the Bow street police court. The court decided to grant the request for McCormack's extradition and he will, therefore, shortly be sent back to the United States.